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SUBJ: QUESTIONABLE FINANCING OFFER TO GOG

SUMMARY: INDIVIDUAL ALLEGING TO REPRESENT US FIRM HAS
OFFERED LARGE-SCALE, LONG-TERM LOAN TO GOG. ACTION REQUESTED:
INFORMATION ON FIRM INVOLVED SO WE CAN DISCUSS BONA FIDES OF
OFFER WITH GOG. END SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY LEARNED DEC. 3 FROM GABONESE MINFINANCE THAT GOG
HAS BEEN OFFERED \$300 MILLION, 20-YEAR LOAN FOR "VARIOUS
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS" BY INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY REPRESENTING
AMERICAN FIRM AND "AMERICAN AND MULTINATIONAL GROUP OF 30
FOUNDATIONS".

2. INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION IS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL NAMED
KENNETH F. HANSEN, WHO LISTS AFFILIATION AS INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS UNDERWRITERS, 4237 2ND ST., BROWN CITY, MICHIGAN
48416. HANSEN MADE NO CONTACT WITH EMBASSY, BUT GOG
OFFICIALS BROUGHT TO US LETTERS ADDRESSED TO HANSEN
BY MINFINANCE OKINDA AND DIRECTOR OF DEBT SERVICING AGENCY
KEBA FOR AUTHENTICATION OF THEIR SIGNATURES. ONE LETTER
AUTHORIZED HANSEN PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOAN (AT
RATE OF 2 PER CENT OVER LIBOR AND WITH OPTION FOR REPAYMENT AFTER
TEN YEARS), WHILE SECOND LETTER PROMISED THAT 3 PERCENT OF FACE
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VALUE OF LOAN (I.E., \$9 MILLION) WOULD BE DEPOSITED WITH

HANSEN'S FIRM WHEN FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO GOG.

3. THUS FAR, EMBASSY'S ONLY CONTACT WITH GOG ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN CONNECTION WITH AUTHENTICATION REQUEST, WHICH WE WERE IN END UNABLE TO MEET BECAUSE OF HANSEN'S UNWILLINGNESS PERMIT EMBASSY VIEW HIS BONA FIDES AS SIGNATORY, OR TO ESTABLISH THAT US FIRM DEFINITELY INVOLVED IN TRANS-ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 7FAM833.3-3 AND 814.4. GOG OFFICIALS ACCEPTED IN GOOD GRACE CONSULAR OFFICER'S EXPLANATIONS AS TO NEED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICAN LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, AND RECOGNIZED THAT FAULT, IF ANY, RESTED WITH HANSEN.

4. CONSULAR OFFICER, WHO MET HANSEN IN COURSE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG OFFICIALS RE AUTHENTICATION, FOUND HIM EVASIVE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS SOURCES FOR FINANCING BEING PROPOSED. HANSEN SPECIFICALLY DECLINED TO NAME "FOUNDATIONS" WHICH ALLEGEDLY ARE SOURCE OF FUNDS OR TO IDENTIFY MEMBERS OF BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS UNDERWRITERS. HE TOLD CONSOFF HE WOULD ONLY ANSWER WRITTEN QUESTIONS (A) AFTER AUTHENTICATION OF SIGNATURES COMPLETED, AND (B) AFTER TELEPHONIC AUTHORIZATION FROM HIS DIRECTOR GENERAL.

5. HANSEN REPORTEDLY TOLD ONE GOG OFFICIAL THAT HE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH US STATE DEPARTMENT AND THAT HE CARRIED LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER. HE LED GOG OFFICIAL TO BELIEVE HIS GROUP OF FOUNDATIONS WAS PARTLY RELIGIOUS IN BACKING. HANSEN ALSO REPORTEDLY CLAIMED TO HAVE OBTAINED SIMILAR LETTERS FROM GOG AND TO HAVE HAD THESE NOTARIZED BY EMBASSY KINSHASA.

6. COMMENT: GIVEN IMPROBABLE TERMS OFFERED BY HANSEN AND HIS RELUCTANCE HAVE EMBASSY INFORMED OF HIS PROPOSALS, WE HAVE SERIOUS QUESTION ABOUT HIS BONA FIDES. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN OBTAIN ON URGENT BASIS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS UNDERWRITERS, ON BASIS OF WHICH WE WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION EXPLORE ENTIRE QUESTION FURTHER WITH GABONESE EARLY THIS WEEK.

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7. FOR KINSHASA: WOULD WELCOME ANY LIGHT YOU CAN SHED ON HANSEN CLAIMS TO HAVE DEALT WITH GOZ AND TO HAVE OBTAINED NOTARIAL SERVICES FROM EMBASSY. STEIGMAN

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